

East Michie Lane

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Five years ago John Dester, Developer of The Hamlet, agreed to build Michie Lane from Midway Lane to Fox Den Estates. Several problems arose and the road was never built.

This spring Dester brought a new concept to Midway City for The Hamlet's plat F. He plans to build 16 cottage style homes. The cottages are four-plex's joined in the back at the garages. The unique design gives the cottages the appearance single units.

Midway City gave approval to Dester's plan on the condition that he could not obtain his building permit for the cottages until Michie Lane was completed from Midway Lane to Fox Den Estates. The road skirts the east

and south sides of Dester's development.

During last Wednesday's Council City Council meeting Dester requested approval of a name change on The Hamlet Plat F. He is calling it Montresse Plat A. The council gave their approval.

According to Dester Michie Lane will be finished by October 15. Infrastructure, sewer, water, etc., for the development is already installed under the road so the road will not need to be dug up to install anything. The original plans included curb and gutter, but with Midway's ordinance change toward a more rural look and an emphasis on trails within the community, Dester is building a trail on the west and north sides of Michie Lane.

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In Washington, Congress continues to wrestle with agriculture appropriations legislation for the coming fiscal year, which will-or will not-pay for farm programs. And while some pieces of legislation will undoubtedly prove contentious between the House and Senate, one has apparently found ready agreement: stiffing rural development.

Matt Chase is deputy director of the National Association of Development Organizations, a D.C.-based international group representing regional economic and community development groups around the country. "We had these great expectations for the farm bill," Chase, "but so far the implementation phase has been a major letdown for the rural development community. We've had some innovative and important programs on the books, but unfortunately the money has never been released. We actually get them off the ground."

Those innovative and important programs are the Rural Strategic Investment Program, the Rural Firefighters Emergency Personnel Program, and the Enhancement of Rural Access Broadband Services Program. Together those programs would have